

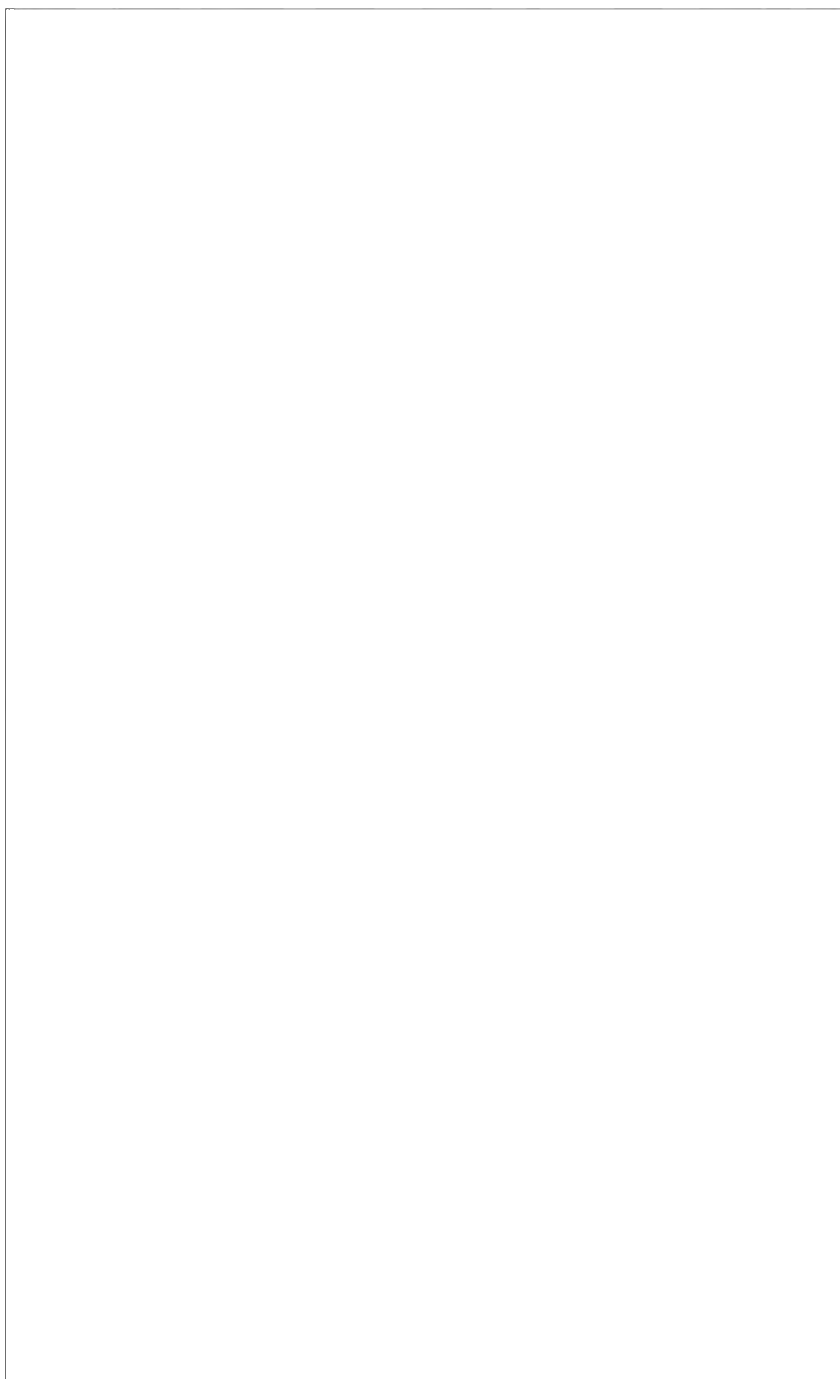
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

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3. Haiti

a. Ambassador Thurston reported yesterday that it would be difficult to exaggerate the fear permeating the Haitian populace, many of whom have headed for the hinterland to get out of range of Duvalier's henchmen.

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b. Thurston believes that, unless Duvalier is soon removed, intervention--preferably some form of OAS collective police action--would be the only means of controlling the "powder keg."

c. Now that the OAS team has left (it flew to Santo Domingo yesterday) further incidents against embassies harboring asylees can be expected.

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4. Laos

a. Souvanna went to the Plaine des Jarres again yesterday, accompanied by the ICC, the British ambassador and the Soviet first secretary. We do not yet have official reporting, but the British ambassador told the press things had moved forward an inch. They have gone back there again today..

b. Scattered skirmishing has continued around Xieng Khouang town. A neutralist effort against Ban Ban apparently failed yesterday.

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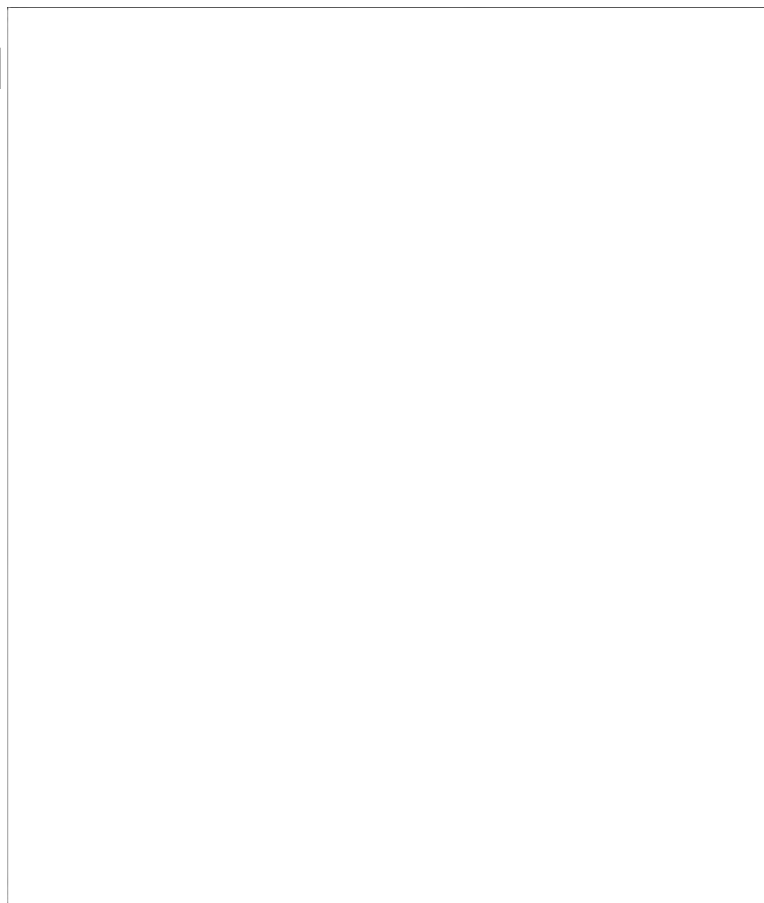
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5. Communist China

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6. Ethiopia

a. High Ethiopian military of-
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[REDACTED] and several govern-
ment ministers say they intend to
move against Haile Selassie [REDACTED]

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unless, he acts on an ultimatum already presented to him which demands sweeping internal reforms.

b. The cabal appears overconfident. It lacks the support of several key elements, [redacted] and, as things now stand, it is by no means assured of success.

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7. Iraq

a. The failure of Iraqi and Kurdish leaders to agree on steps to implement their preliminary agreement of 8 March may cause the Kurds soon to resume open rebellion. Baghdad now is stalling on Kurdish demands for local autonomy while strengthening its military position in the area.

b. Both Iran and the UAR see in the resumption of hostilities an opportunity to weaken the new regime in Baghdad [redacted]

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NOTES

- A. Cuba Preliminary scan of Wednesday's photography shows no significant activity at Soviet installations.

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- C. Brazil The Alliance for Progress has upstaged the Poles in Guanabara where for at least two years the Poles have been negotiating with Brazil to build a thermo-electric power station.

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- E. Afghan - Pakistan President Ayub is letting Kabul know through the Iranians that Afghanistan will be permitted to reopen all the commercial offices maintained in Pakistan before the break-including the important consulate at Peshawar. Ayub is looking, in turn, for some form of assurance against hostile propaganda from the Afghans.
- F. Leap Forward sinking Peiping has released a factual statement concerning the "Leap Forward" sinking [redacted] saying only that the ship "suddenly met disaster" and that the cause is being investigated. The Chinese crew has been returned to Shanghai by a Japanese maritime patrol craft.
- G. Syria We have some preliminary reports of resignations by pro-Nasir cabinet members and the dismissal of pro-unity army officers, suggesting another crisis may be developing.
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